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2000 SWODXA DAYTON HAMVENTION DX DINNER BANQUET. The Southwest Ohio DX Association is pleased to announce the Fifteenth Annual DX Dinner to be held on Friday, **May 19th, 2000**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Dayton, OH. There will be a cash bar at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:15 PM. Tickets are 31.00 (USD) and must be purchased in advance. Groups wishing to sit together must order as a group. A table seats eight. Please make your check or money order payable to SWODXA and send an SASE for ticket return. Seats will be assigned in the order that requests are received. Seats will be assigned on March 12, 2000. Seating is limited. Please order tickets from Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, 7354 Thackery Rd, Springfield, OH 45502. For information on the dinner, check the WEB page: <http://members.aol.com/SteveB4622/> or contact Steve Bolia, N8BJQ at (937) 788-2803 or via InterNet E-mail at: n8bjq@erinet.com

3Z, POLAND (More info to add to [OPDX.443](#)). Ed, SP1MHV, informs OPDX that "each member" of the of Polish Amateur Radio Society (PZK) can use the special **3Z prefix** to celebrate the **70 years of PZK** and the **Millenium Year 2000**. Each member can use the 3Z prefix plus their call area and own suffix (example - SP1MHV will use the special callsign 3Z1MHV, SP8MI will use 3Z8MI, etc.). Ed, SP1MHV, states that he will use his special contest callsign "3Z1V" for the whole year 2000. Look for 3Z1MHV and 3Z1V to be active on the digital modes (RTTY, PSK and SSTV), and 3Z1V during the major contest on CW/SSB (if he has free time of course). QSLs for Ed are ok via the normal callsign - SP1MHV (the bureau or CBA).

4U1UN ACTIVE. It seems this station is active once again. Two weeks ago Fritz, DL4TT, was active and this past weekend Masa Miura, AJ3M, was active from the United Nations in New York. Masa told OPDX that he would be on 160-10 meters SSB and possibly RTTY. Hopefully, this is a good sign to see this station active on a regular bases again. IMPORTANT! QSL ONLY to: UN Amateur Radio Club, P.O.Box 3873, NY, NY 10017.

8P, BARBADOS. Glenn, VA3DX, will be travelling here to be active as **8P9DX** again, **January 23rd through February 6th**. He will be active on CW/SSB/RTTY on all bands. Glenn states that he will be quite serious in the **CQWW 160 Meter CW Contest**. He managed a #1 world spot last year. Glenn hopes that the conditions will be good. QSL via VE3ICR or VA3DX, both have the

same address.

9G, GHANA. On March 2nd, Bob/PA3DEW and Vincent/PA3FQX, members of the previous **9G1AA** team, will activate this callsign again - as their workload permits. QSL via PA3ERA (he is also the QSL MGR for 9G100).

9Q, DEM. REP. OF CONGO. "The 59(9) DXReport" states that Pat, F6BLQ, reported the PTT in Kinshasa will issue new 9Q licenses before the end of January.

ASIAN AND AFRICAN TOUR. Andy, G4ZVJ, informs OPDX that he will be travelling in Asia and Africa for 8 weeks beginning January 24th. His itinerary is as follows:

- **January 24th through February 24th (with G3X AQ)**
 - **XW** - Andy/G4ZVJ and Al/G3X AQ plan to visit **Vientiane, Laos** and hope to obtain operating permission.
 - **XU** - During the **first week of February** they will travel to **Cambodia** and will be active as **XU7AAV**. Their emphasis will be on 80 meters to EU/NA.
- **February 24th through March 7th**
 - **ET** - Andy will go to **Ethiopia** during this time and states that his callsign will be announced later. This will be a guest operation.
- **March 7th through March 20th**
 - **9G** - Andy will be active as **9G5VJ** from **Ghana**. Activity will include activity in the **RSGB Commonwealth Contest (March 11/12th)**.

Andy reports that his activity will be CW only. QSL via G4ZVJ: Andy Chadwick, 5 Thorpe Chase, Ripon HG4 1UA U.K. For more up-to-date info, check Andy's Web site at:

<http://www.g4zvj.demon.co.uk>

EI, IRELAND. Look for Joan, EA5BOX, to be active as **EI/EA3BOX** from **February 28th through March 7th**. Joan will also operate in the **ARRL DX SSB Contest**.

FO, CLIPPERTON ISLAND. A press release by John, N7CQQ, states that the "**Clipperton2000 Expedition**" is scheduled to operate/begin on **March 1st** with four (4) HF stations, one (1) 6 Meter station and one (1) satellite station. They also plan to operate RTTY and on the WARC bands from Clipperton. The DXpedition will **shutdown late on March 8th** with the team departing Clipperton on March 9th. The N7CQQ Amateur Radio Club, Inc., sponsor of the "Clipperton2000 Expedition", announced this week that ICOM America is sponsoring the DXpedition and will provide the team with new IC-756PRO. For additional information on the expedition, go to the Web site at: <http://www.qsl.net/clipperton2000/> OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the complete press release as an additional bulletin.

FT/T, TROMELIN. "QRZ DX" reports that the Lyon DX Gang will be active from here sometime in the **summer of 2000**. No exact dates are known yet, but it looks like the operation will take place in probably July or August. There will be four operators active for two weeks. The group originally wanted to go to Glorioso but ran into some administrative problems. The trip to Tromelin will be more expensive, so the group is looking for funds/sponsors. For up-to-date information, check the Web page at: <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f5nod/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-032.** Takeshi, JI3DST, will be active from **Oosumi Archipelago (Tanega-Shima)** in

Nishinoomote City, Kagoshima, February 26-28th. He will use the callsigns **JI3DST/6** and **7N3UXO/6**. Activity will be on 40/17/15/12/10 meters SSB. QSL via the JARL Bureau (Bureau is the best) or direct to: Takeshi Funaki, 2-18-26 Hannan-cho Abeno-ku Osaka-city, OSAKA 545-0021 JAPAN (1 IRC is best, Please don't send USD.)

- **EU-070.** Members of the "Sciences et Techniques RC" (F6KIM) will activate **Porquerolles Island** from **January 29th through February 5th**. The operators will be F1HML, F1MBM, F5TSB, F5CRJ, F8AQK and F5RMY, and they will use the special callsign **TM5CRO**. Activity will be 160-10 meters. This will also be a rare grid (JN32) for 2 meters and 70cm. Suggested SSB frequencies are: 7060, 14260, 21260 and 28460 kHz. QSL Manager is F5RMY. Skeds for 2m and 70cm will be taken via the InterNet, before the beginning of the DXpedition at: f1mbm@wanadoo.fr

JW, SVALBARD ISLAND. Operators LA5UF, LA6YEA, LA9VDA and LA9IAA will be here between **February 12-21st**. Trond, LA9VDA, informs OPDX that due to some need for low band antenna work, it's possible that the startup will be delayed some. However, they will have two stations active as much as possible. Activity will be on all HF band, CW, SSB and RTTY. Their RTTY operation will be minor and on request. They will each use their own callsign (only one callsign mentioned so far - JW5UF). Operators plan to be active in the **ARRL CW Contest** during the **last weekend of February** (callsign is currently unknown at this time). QSL for all callsigns go to LA9VDA.

JW, SVALBARD ISLAND. The "Les Nouvelles DX" reports that LA9FJA will be here again as **JW9FJA** for the next **8 months**.

KH0, MARIANA ISLANDS. Kazu, JA1RJU, will be going to **Saipan** again. He will stay there from the evening **January 22nd through** the morning **January 26th** (his local time). He will be active on all bands including 6 meters. On 160 meters, Kazu will emphasize his activities for North Americans and European stations. His frequency will be 1823.5 kHz and QSX is UP 10 kHz. QSL via JA1RJU.

MILLENNIUM ACTIVITY.....

- Nick, HB9DDZ, HF Manager of USKA, informs OPDX that all Swiss amateurs can use the **prefix HB2** and also the HB9 prefix during the year 2000.
- Juan Carlos, CX7CC, reports that the Radio Grupo Sur (RGS) offers an Award to celebrate the new year 2000 by working the two special callsigns **CX2000** (on SSB) and **CW2000** (on CW and digital modes). To qualify, amateurs from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay must work the special stations on three bands and/or modes. The rest of the World must work the special stations on two bands and/or modes. The Award is also open for SWL. All QSLs will be confirmed, and to claim the RGS Award send a log list and 5 IRC or 5 USD to: RGS Award Manager, P.O. Box 2, CP 11000, Montevideo-Uruguay-South America. RGS members must send only a SASE 22x30 cm. Also available is the BC2000 Award for working the Official RGS Station CVC2000. You must make three contacts with the station on three different days. To claim the Award, you must send a log list with the contacts and 5 IRC or 5 USD to: BC2000 Award Manager, P.O.BOX 2, CP 11000, Montevideo-Uruguay-South America. RGS members must send only a SASE 22x30 cm. This Award is also open to SWL.
- The Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL) is now operating with a new millennium special callsign, **6K2K**. This is a new prefix for everyone and they will operate **until January 31st**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL to HL0HQ (KARL CPO

P4, ARUBA. "The 59(9) DXReport" reports that Mikka, OH2BAD, will be active as **P40MH** from **January 30th to February 7th**. Activity will be on 12, 17 and 30 meters CW/SSB.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- Merv, K9FD, QSL Manager for **BY1QH**, reports the following to OPDX: "I just mailed over 10 pounds of QSLs to the bureau. And just received another package from the bureau of several hundred cards. Some of these cards are dated from 1991, not sure if they are old cards stuck in the bureau or just finally being sent, all will be answered in the next few weeks via bureau.. I send cards out to the bureau 2 times a year so be patient.. All direct cards are up to date..and replies are within one week.. There is a new "chief operator" in charge at BY1QH so not sure how much longer will be able to manage their cards.. Thanks 73 Merv K9FD"
- Philippe, FK8VHU, has made 600 QSO with the callsign **TY/FK8VHU** during his last stay in December. QSL to his home address at: Philippe Honore, 361 Avenue de l'Hautil, F-78955 Carrieres sous Poissy, France. ADDED NOTE: Some may remember working Philippe as TYD11 which was the first callsign he ever received from Benin (remember TYA11 many years ago!).
- Doug, N6RT, reports that the following new/updated logs are now online at:
<http://dx.qsl.net/logs/>

5T5WW	(thru September 17, 1999)	EL2WW	(thru November 7, 1999)
8P9JO	(thru December 13, 1999)	PY2KPY	(thru October 31, 1999)
9X/ON4WW	(thru November 23, 1995)	RW3GU	(thru December 12, 1999)
9X1A	(thru May 28, 1995)	S07WW	(thru September 17, 1999)
9X4WW	(thru August 19, 1997)	XV7TH	(thru January 9, 1999)
AH6OY	(thru December 25, 1999)		

- Frederick, AA4NG, has been receiving QSLs for a recent **VP4W** operation which he is NOT the QSL Manager for. However, he is the QSL Manager for a VP4W operation that took place in 1991.
- The QSL route for the millennium operation of **G4FRE/2K** and the **ARRL RTTY Contest operation** of **M2I** (Mike 2 Italy) are both via WW2R only.

VP6, PITCAIRN ISLAND. Remember that Jukka, OH2BR, will leave for Pitcairn Island (**OC-044**) January 19th for **three months**. He is scheduled to return in early May. He will operate on CW/SSB/RTTY on 160-6 meters signing **VP6BR** from Tom's, VP6TC, QTH and/or from the club station VP6PAC on the top of a hill. Jukka plans to also make a few IOTA stops/operations to **Henderson Island (OC-056)** and **Ducie Island (OC-182)** (if it can be possible and reasonably done). QSLs via OH2BR, Jukka Heikinheimo, Box 37, SF-01361 Vantaa, Finland. Cards will be answered after his return. For further information check the Web page at:
<http://www.qsl.nt/oh2bre/>

XZ0A DXPEDITION TO MYANMAR. This major DXpedition is now very active on all bands. OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive the press release as additional bulletins. Activity is scheduled to last **until February 6th**. Just a couple of points to note. There are no plans to have on-line checking for the XZ0A operation. The QSL Manager W1XT has no logs, so please don't ask him to verify your QSO. AS PER A PRESS RELEASE by Dick, N6FF, "If you have any doubt of a good QSO, please work them again to be certain. The operators will not get upset with a dupe QSO." Bob, W1XT, has posted a Web page about the QSLing for XZ0A. It is located at:

<http://www.superphoenix.com/xz0a-qs1.htm> It gives the current QSL address and details of the XZ0A operation as it applies to QSLs. Additional details can be found on the DXpedition web site at: <http://www.getnet.com/~k7wx/myanmar.htm>

ZK2, NIUE. William/W7TVF and Al/K7CA are planning an DXpedition here this coming **February 7th**. Al reports that tickets are purchased, and they should be there sometime **February 7th**. They will try to get set up to operate 160 meters at their sunset, about 0600z. Al states that 160m will be their priority, but they will also spend time on 80 and 40 meters plus 6 meters and other bands as time permits. Look for them everyday on the topband at 0600z until their sunrise at about 1700z. Antennas are a homebrew (by N7JW) top loaded vertical with lots of radials and beverages for RX. They will probably use a frequency above 1830 on topband and mostly CW on all bands but will let everyone know when they arrive. They will leave for home on **February 20th**. So they hope for a little luck and some decent band conditions. They want to put a lot of stations in the log, especially on the low bands and 6m too.

OPDX INTERNET SUBSCRIBE/UNSUBSCRIBE REQUEST: opdx-request@nshore.org

OPDX WORLD-WIDE WEB HOME (provided by John, K8YSE):

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/opdx.html>

ALSO VISIT THE NORTHERN OHIO DX ASSOCIATION'S WEB HOME PAGE:

<http://www.en.com/users/k8yse/nodxa.html>

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